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MLAs get to explore Alberta's energy story on Canadian Geographic Education's giant energy floor map

What: Energy: Production and Transmission Giant Floor Map arrives at the Alberta Legislature
When: Monday, November 30, 2015 at 5:45 p.m.
Where: Capital View Room (Second Floor), Edmonton Federal Building, 9820 – 107 Street, Edmonton
Who: The Honourable Bob Wanner, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta
 Gilles Gagnier, Chief Operating Officer and Publisher of *Canadian Geographic* Magazine

As world leaders meet in Paris to discuss climate change, Alberta's Legislative Assembly Office and [The Royal Canadian Geographical Society](#) will be having their own talks – on a unique giant energy floor map. To kick off the event, the Honourable Bob Wanner, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta will welcome the RCGS as they explain why energy literacy and the Energy IQ program are essential for today's students.

A key element of the [Energy IQ program](#), the [Energy: Production and Transmission giant floor map](#) has been designed to help students develop the necessary skills to better understand the implications for Canada's environment and economy. At 11m x 8m, this educational map is an immersive way to learn about Canada's energy mix, where energy is produced, and how it is transmitted. Alberta MLAs will get a big picture snapshot of Canada's energy landscape in a way they've never seen before. Earlier in the day hundreds of Edmonton students are being invited to venture out on the map to investigate energy sources, ask good questions, and find many of the answers for themselves.

Energy IQ is an educational, curriculum-linked website that provides teachers with thoroughly vetted content, including teaching tools such as lesson plans, quizzes and interactive maps designed to help teachers introduce this very important topic into their classroom. The Energy IQ program has been developed by [Canadian Geographic Education](#) and is made possible by the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers.

The Energy IQ program materials are tailored to students from Kindergarten to grade 12 and are available to teachers free of charge. Currently, with a network of close to 16,000 educators, including 2,000 in Alberta, Canadian Geographic Education is one of the largest education not-for-profit groups in the country and is committed to fostering geographic engagement in Canadian schools.

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